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REMARKS

Enclosed please find an English translation of the specification, claims and abstract along with a Declaration of Translator and a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 4, 2002.

The specification is amended to correct various typographical, grammatical and idiomatic informalities, and to place the application into proper conformance with U.S. patent practice.

The claims are amended to avoid having a multiple dependent claim depend on another multiple dependent claim.

If there are any charges for filing this Preliminary Amendment (A), please charge to the Patent Office Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

It is respectfully requested that the first Official Action be directed to the application as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix I (Amended Claims with Amendments Indicated
Therein by Brackets and Underlining)

Appendix II (Amended Specification Paragraphs with
Amendments Indicated Therein by Brackets and Underlining)

APPENDIX I**AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN
BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

4. (Amended) The device of [one of the claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the thrust elements (9) have been taken up in sliding-block guides (10), which are, is essentially, at right angles to the edge of the windowpane.

5. (Amended) The device of [one of the claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the thrust elements (9) are held at a subassembly (21), which, in an open position, enables the insertion of the folding top part (5) bordering the frame region (4) and, in the closed position, essentially overlaps the inserted folding top part (5).

APPENDIX II**AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS WITH AMENDMENTS
INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

Page 1: between the title and the 1st full paragraph, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

1st full paragraph, change to read as follows:

The invention relates to a device for manufacturing a folding top of a convertible [of the introductory portion of claim 1,] as well as [of the introductory portion of claim 8 and] to a method of [the introductory portion of claim 10] manufacturing a folding top.

Page 2: before the 1st full paragraph, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

2nd full paragraph, delete in its entirety:

[Pursuant to the invention, this objective is accomplished by a device with the distinguishing features of claim 1 as well as by a device with the distinguishing features of claim 8 and a method with the distinguishing features of claim 10. With

regard to advantageous developments, reference is made to claims 2 to 7, 9 and 11.]

Page 4: 2nd full paragraph, change to read as follows:

Further advantages and details arise out of an example of the object of the invention, which is shown in the [drawing, in which] accompanying drawings.

Between the 2nd and 3rd full paragraph, insert the following heading:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Page 5: 5th full paragraph, change to read as follows:

Figure 7 shows a view, similar to that of Figure 6, during the welding or gluing of the covering strip treating the part of the folding top, which embraces the frame region for the rear window_a and

Between the 6th and 7th full paragraph, insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS: